

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 12 is amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representatives by Examiner Jankus in the March 6 telephone interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 13-16 are allowed.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Office Action rejects claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 12 is amended, as discussed during the interview, to obviate the rejection. Claim 12 is now more clearly directed to statutory subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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